

XA-9996 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re the Application of:

Fujio ITO et al. Group Art Unit: 2818

Appln. No.: 10/729,950 Examiner: A. Huynh

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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.